



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 832

LCO No. 4048



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF THE HABITUATION OF DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-25a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) No person shall feed, place, provide, give, expose, deposit,
4 scatter or distribute any edible material or attractant with the purpose
5 of feeding, attracting or enticing potentially dangerous animals, except
6 as provided for in this chapter, on lands not owned by the state.

7 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
8 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
9 prohibit or restrict the unintentional feeding of potentially dangerous
10 animals on lands not owned by the state.

11 ~~[(a)]~~ (c) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
12 may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
13 prohibiting or restricting the feeding of wildlife on state-owned

14 property. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to,
 15 procedures for designating areas subject to such prohibitions or
 16 restrictions. Any such designation shall be effective after public notice
 17 and a public comment period.

18 [(b)] (d) Any conservation officer appointed pursuant to section 26-5
 19 and any other officer authorized to serve criminal process may enforce
 20 the provisions of this section and any regulations adopted pursuant to
 21 [subsection (a) of] this section. Any violation of [such regulations] the
 22 provisions of this section or of any regulation adopted pursuant to this
 23 section shall be an infraction.

24 (e) For purposes of this section, "potentially dangerous animal"
 25 includes any of the following: (1) The felidae, including, but not
 26 limited to, the bobcat; (2) the canidae, including, but not limited to, the
 27 coyote and the fox; and (3) the ursidae, including, but not limited to,
 28 the black bear.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	26-25a

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the habituation of potentially dangerous animals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]